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DRUG DELIVERY

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Sir:

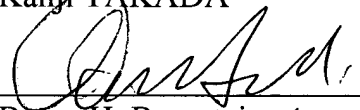
This is to clarify the Communication mailed from the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on December 2, 2003, wherein the Supervisory Patent Examiner has indicated that the Restriction Requirement mailed May 20, 2003 has been withdrawn, and a New Office Action for all pending claims will be mailed shortly.

Applicants accordingly assume that no response to the Office Action mailed September 10, 2003 is necessary in view of the fact that the Office Action is being withdrawn for mailing a new Office Action for all pending claims.

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Should the Examiner have any questions, or wishes to discuss this matter, the Examiner is requested to call the undersigned at the telephone number indicated below.

Respectfully submitted,  
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